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[EXTERNAL] Comment on proposed oil/gas lease sale in ANWR1 message

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Dear BLM Representative:

I am a retired fisheries biologist. A number of years ago, six friends and I spent three weeks exploring the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It was an amazing experience. The vast numbers of caribou migrating through our camp, the musk oxen, barren-ground grizzlies, Dall sheep, wolves, and many species of birds nesting on the ground kept our small group entranced. I also was kept busy photographing the abundance of beautiful wildflowers carpeting the tundra.

Allowing oil drilling on this land would be a colossal mistake that would irreparably damage this fragile land forever. Oil spills are much more damaging in arctic lands and waters because microbes that break down petrochemicals are much less active in the Arctic than in tropical lands and waters, where even there the damages from the spills years ago are still going on.

Opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling would critically damage the coastal plain which is the essential caving ground for caribou which are depended upon by the Native Americans that rely on this resource.

In any case, opening this pristine land to oil drilling at this time does not make any business sense because there is at present a huge surplus of oil and gas leases and permits. The US Treasury would not get much money for the leases, and likely few acreages of leases would be purchased.

Please reconsider this proposal, and make the right decision to continue to protect this sensitive area and prohibit any oil/gas drilling or other damaging extractive industries.

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Thank you for your consideration in this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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